

# Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

LOCATION: NELSON, NEW ZEALAND

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This structure is a celebration of the 'can do' attitude of a community. Built and funded by a group of like-minded people in collaboration with local government, business and institutions.

The brief was to create a rallying point for the sanctuary and to mark a commitment to the project.

The building acts as a lock between the (to be) pest proof fenced sanctuary and the outside. The design references agricultural buildings (chicken wire, netting) wool presses and primary shelter forms. The whare form of the entry provides a north facing area that allows people to congregate, and provides for casual seating in the sun.

The building is intentionally open to the elements, except the well-insulated inner sanctum, using wire netting instead of glass, providing a sense of temporary shelter for visitors. The structure is designed to touch the site lightly, with wide overhangs that return rainwater to the ground.